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November 10, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONSULTANT
SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT GEOTECHNICAL AND MATERIAL
TESTING SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPTON/WOODLEY AIRPORT
APRON PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 88734, CITY OF COMPTON
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement to provide independent geotechnical and material testing services during construction of the Compton/Woodley Airport Apron Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with RMA Group to provide independent quality assurance testing services in support of the Compton/Woodley Airport Apron Pavement Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$150,410, plus 10 percent contingency for a total contract amount of \$165,451.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to retain consultant services for independent quality assurance testing of materials used during construction of the Compton/Woodley Airport Apron Pavement Rehabilitation Project (project) in the City of Compton. Due to the strict reporting and compliance with the quality assurance plan requirements associated with the use of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for this project, Public Works determined that an independent quality assurance program was necessary during this project to ensure that the contractor meets the requirements of the project plans and specifications.

Green Building/Sustainable Design

In keeping with the nature of the County of Los Angeles' recently adopted amendments to the green building/sustainable design policy, recycling/reused pulverized asphalt concrete and other existing materials were incorporated in this project to the extent possible. The proposed drainage system incorporates the use of Smart Sponge filters within the existing catch basins, which are efficient at removing contaminants such as oils, bacteria, and other solid debris from the stormwater runoff.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Implementation of the recommended action will provide an improved and more accommodating facility for airport customers, will support the strategy of providing quality public works infrastructure and land development services to our communities, and will support our strategy of actively seeking grant funds from outside sources to increase the County's funding sources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

On June 16, 2009, your Board approved a revised total project budget of \$9,031,000, for the design and construction of this project.

As reflected in the Project Budget Summary in Attachment A, the project budget includes \$200,000 for Consultant Services to provide independent geotechnical/soils report and soils testing. Public Works successfully negotiated a consultant contract in the amount of \$150,410, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total amount of \$165,451. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) agree that quality assurance testing is an eligible, reimbursable expense for this project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On August 18, 2009, your Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the Director of Public Works or her designee to award a construction contract to Sully-Miller Contracting Company in the amount of \$6,889,518 for this project. This project is funded by a FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Caltrans Division of Aeronautics grant funds approved by your Board on May 19 and June 16, 2008, respectively.

Following your Board's approval of the project, Public Works solicited proposals for the geotechnical and materials testing services and has since identified RMA Group as having the highest-rated, responsive, and responsible proposal to complete the required testing. With your Board's approval to award and execute the consultant services contract, Public Works will proceed with this project.

The contract will be reviewed by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee. The Project Schedule is summarized in Attachment A.

The contract contains terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

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The term of the Agreement shall commence on the date stipulated in the Notice to Proceed, and unless otherwise modified, shall terminate on the date that the work is accepted by the County. The County may, at its sole option and discretion, cancel or terminate the Agreement, without any liability other than payment for work already performed, up to the date of termination by giving a three-day written notice of such termination to the consultant. The consultant shall be paid the reasonable value of its services rendered. In the event of any such termination by the County, the consultant shall provide to the County a termination report consisting of all drawings, specifications, reports, and data accumulated to the date of such termination in a form capable of assimilation for use by the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 19, 2009, Agenda Item 41, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On July 16, 2009, Public Works electronically mailed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to qualified firms to provide geotechnical and materials testing services for this project. Information regarding this contracting opportunity was also entered on the County's Doing Business With Us website.

On August 17, 2009, 18 proposals were received. The proposals were first reviewed to ensure they met the minimum requirements in the RFP. The 17 proposals having met these requirements were evaluated by an evaluation committee on September 16, 2009, consisting of Public Works staff using the informed averaging evaluation methodology. Based on this evaluation, it is recommended that this contract be awarded to the highest-rated, responsive, and responsible proposer, RMA Group, located in Rancho Cucamonga, California. The committee's evaluation was based on criteria described in the RFP, which included technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. We believe the consultant fee is reasonable for the work requested. The evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

Participation in the project by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) is encouraged through the Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. RMA Group has proposed participation of certified CBEs.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When this project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing an improved and more accommodating facility for airport customers.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; and the Department of Public Works, Aviation Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

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County Assessor
County Counsel
Department of Public Works

ATTACHMENT A

I. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 6,914,000
Job Order Contract	0
Change Orders	691,000
Departmental Crafts	0
Youth Employment	0
Construction Consultants	0
Misc. Expense	0
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	0
Civic Arts*	0
Subtotal	\$ 7,605,000
Programming/Development	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications*	\$ 431,000
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	\$ 0
Hazardous Materials	0
Geotech/Soils Report and Soils Testing	200,000
Material Testing	0
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	0
Construction Management	0
Construction Administration	0
Environmental	0
Move Management	0
Equipment Planning	0
Legal	0
Construction/Change Order	0
Other:	0
Subtotal	\$ 200,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$ 0
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	\$ 0
Quality Control Inspection	0
Design Review	15,000
Design Services	0
Contract Administration	50,000
Project Management	685,000
Project Management Support Services	0
ISD Job Order Contract Management	0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	0
ISD ITS Communications	0
Project Security	0
Project Technical Support	0
Office of Affirmative Action	20,000
County Counsel	0
Other Legal	25,000
Sheriff Job Order Contract Management	0
Subtotal	\$ 795,000
TOTAL	\$ 9,031,000